

requires a detailed special construction proposal, when a common carrier submits a proposal or quotation that has special construction requirements. One of the reasons for requesting cost or pricing data from a common carrier is to support the reasonableness of special construction and equipment charges.

- 252.247-7001, Price Adjustment. Paragraph (b) of this clause requires a contractor for stevedoring services to notify the contracting officer within 60 days of certain changes in the wage rates or benefits that apply to the contractor's direct labor employees. Paragraph (c) requires the contractor to include a proposal for adjustment in the contract prices and data, in such form as the contracting officer may require, explaining the causes, effective date, and amount of the increase or decrease in the contractor's proposal for the adjustment.

- 252.247-7002, Revision of Prices. Paragraph (c) of this clause permits either the contractor or the contracting officer, under a contract for stevedoring services, to deliver a written demand that the parties negotiate to revise the prices under the contract. Paragraph (d) specifies the data that the contractor shall submit. Paragraph (g) addresses requests for price adjustment in the event of a retroactive wage adjustment. In addition, the contractor is required to notify the contracting officer in writing of any request by or on behalf of the employees of the contractor which may result in a retroactive wage adjustment.

- 252.247-7022, Representation of Extent of Transportation by Sea; 247.527-1(c); and 252.212-7000, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items. Paragraph (c) of subsection 247.572-1 requires the contracting officer to ask each offeror whether it will transport supplies by sea, referring to paragraph (a) of section 247.573, which is the prescription for the provision at 252.247-7022. Paragraph (b) of the provision at 252.247-7022 and paragraph (c)(2) of the provision at 252.212-7000 require an offeror check the appropriate block to indicate whether it anticipates that supplies will be transported by sea in the performance of any contract or subcontract resulting from the solicitation.

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## Office of the Secretary

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In accordance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces a proposed uniform public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. **DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received on or before May 16, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (OCHAMPUS), Fitzsimons U.S. Army Garrison, Program Development and Evaluation Directorate, ATTN: Mr. Joe Rhea, Aurora, CO 80045-6900.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call OCHAMPUS, Program Development and Evaluation Directorate, at (303) 361-1018.

**Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:** TRICARE/CHAMPUS Provider Enrollment Application, HCFA-855, OMB Number 0938-0685.

**Needs and Uses:** This information is needed to enroll health care providers not enrolled by Medicare by identifying them, verifying their qualifications and eligibility to participate in TRICARE/CHAMPUS, and to price and pay their claims correctly.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit; small businesses organizations, Federal Government.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 105,000.

**Number of Respondents:** 70,000.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.  
**Average Burden per Response:** 90 minutes.

**Frequency:** Initial Application.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Application is supported by photocopies of licensure, certification, and educational qualifications documents on a selected basis.

### Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are health care providers who file claims seeking reimbursement directly or on behalf of eligible TRICARE/CHAMPUS beneficiaries for services and supplies which are authorized benefits of this health care program. The enrollment application and verification procedures will collect the information from providers needed to ensure that they can be uniquely identified and enumerated, and are qualified and eligible to participate in the TRICARE/CHAMPUS program. The use of the HCFA-855 Provider Enrollment Form makes uniform the information collection. Providers who have already been enrolled in Medicare will be required only to sign and submit the Form's certification statement and submit supplemental agreements for facsimile signatures and electronic claims submission which may remain specific and separate for Medicare and TRICARE/CHAMPUS. This application will implement the enrollment application for all TRICARE/CHAMPUS providers/suppliers, and collect information necessary to issue the National Provider Identifier. The National Provider Identifier (NPI) will be assigned to all current providers and to all incoming providers as part of the enrollment process. Periodic Re-Verification of Provider Data will ensure that, once enrolled, all providers/suppliers remain current under the Conditions of Enrollment.

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## Defense Intelligence Agency, Scientific Advisory Board Closed Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA